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# UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO HOLD; ALLIES BATTER REICH ON TWO SIDES

## MARSHAL KENOV HAS ALMOST ENCIRCLED CITY OF BRESLAU

### GERMANS REPORT RUSSIAN TANKS HAVE BROKEN INTO BUNZLAU MONDAY

LONDON, Feb. 12.—(P)—Bielsko, a German bastion 127 miles South of Katowice in Southwestern Poland, has been captured, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—(P)—Marshal Ivan Konev, virtually encircling Breslau in Silesia and racing ahead 15 to 27 miles a day, has forced two bridgeheads across the Bober river 75 miles or less from Dresden, German broadcasts said today.

The Germans said Konev's tanks had broken into Bunzlau on the Bober, while to the north they had smashed through German defenses some 12 miles north of Sagan. This point is about 90 miles southeast of Berlin and only 30 miles south of Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian army which the Germans had crossed the Oder south of Euerstenberg.

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS TO MEET DURING MONDAY

### WILL CONSIDER TWO APPOINTEES OF GOVERNOR FOR A. AND M. BOARD

AUSTIN, Feb. 12.—(P)—Both the House and Senate adjourned until tomorrow after two brief separate and one joint session. A heavy load of committee work faced both houses this afternoon.

AUSTIN, Feb. 12.—(P)—Sen. H. L. Winfield of Fort Stockton, chairman of the governor's committee on nominations announced his committee would meet this afternoon to report on the nominations of R. W. Briggs of San Antonio and Neth Leachman of Dallas as members of the board of directors of Texas A. and M. College.

The committee did not report on the names of Briggs when other members of the A. and M. board were recently submitted to the senate because of a request submitted by the San Antonio nominee who was ill at the time.

Leachman's name has been sent out once by the committee but was returned.

The name of John Newton Beaumont has not been acted on, as a senatorial courtesy to Sen. Allan Shivers who has been on overseas assignment with the army.

Action is not expected until he returns to the senate.

The name of Arthur B. Knickerbocker of Odessa for adjutant general will probably not be acted on at today's session, Winfield indicated, in view of the fact that several witnesses have requested permission to appear before the committee.

Adoption of permanent rules completed the last item of organization for the house. The new rules allow introduction of bills during the first 80 days of the session. The general session is beginning its sixth week. The house defeated a rules amendment creating a new committee

## Russians Nearing Prison Camp With Many Americans

MOSCOW, Feb. 12.—(P)—Allied military missions in Moscow are hopeful that the current wide scale operations of the Red army will result in the release of numerous American, British, French and Canadian war prisoners.

Marshal Konev's latest breakthrough in Silesia has brought him to within 30 miles of Sagan on the Bober river, believed by the American military mission in Moscow to be the last site of Stalag Luft three.

Later dispatches report Marshal Konev's troops have smashed through German defenses only 12 miles north of Sagan's location of Stalag Luft 3, where several thousand prisoners of war have been confined.

## WAR MOBILIZATION OFFICE RENEWS ITS APPEAL FOR ACTION

### NATIONAL SERVICE LEGISLATION URGED AS COMPROMISE PLAN REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(P)—The Office of War Mobilization renewed its appeal today for national service legislation as a compromise manpower control plan was reported under preparation in the senate.

An OWM statement released by Jonathan Daniels, an administrative assistant to President Roosevelt, said:

"The office of war mobilization and reconversion has advised me that an article in the New York Herald Tribune today indicating that the Voorhis bill is acceptable to it as a substitute for the May Bill is without foundation in fact."

"The director has firmly to the belief that manpower legislation should recognize that there is an obligation for men eligible to be drafted who are not called into their war service wherever it is needed.

"The views of this office have been expressed in its report on the May bill to Senator Thomas, chairman of the senate military affairs committee."

**Objectives Similar**

The Voorhis bill would give statutory standing to manpower ceiling directives of the War Manpower commission. Defeated in the house before passage of the May bill, its objectives are similar to those of the senate compromise plan.

Advocates of the senate plan aren't talking for publication until they get the details worked out. But they think it may attract enough votes in the senate military affairs committee to displace the work-or-jail bill for which the White House, generals and admirals also have asked. That measure passed the house after hot debate; it has made no perceptible progress in the senate committee which has been contemplating it two full weeks.

See MANPOWER, Page 4.

## BERLIN DECLARES UKRAINIAN FORCES CROSS BOBER RIVER

### NAZI DEFENSES NORTH OF SAGAN REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CRACKED

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE Associated Press War Editor. Berlin radio today declared the swift-rolling First Ukrainian army had taken two bridgeheads across the Bober river in Germany 75 miles or less from Dresden, and only 30 miles behind Germans dug in along the Oder river southeast of Berlin.

Marshal Ivan Konev's army, Berlin declared, had broken into Bunzlau on the Bober and cracked Nazi defenses north of Sagan, the latter 90 miles southeast of Berlin.

This was 27 miles deeper into Germany than Moscow had placed Konev's troops, who crossed the Oder south of Fuerstenberg. Konev's forces had broken through the German defenses of Berlin and only 30 miles south of Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian army which the Germans had crossed the Oder south of Euerstenberg.

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**Mild Weather Is Reported Over Central States**

By The Associated Press. Springlike weather was expected to send temperatures soaring above normal today in a wide area from the Southern Central Plains states into the Lower East Coast seaboard.

The area already received a taste of unusually mild weather yesterday and U. S. forecasters in Chicago promised higher readings for this afternoon.

The warmer temperatures apparently were unable to dent a large snowbelt cutting across northern states from Minnesota to New England where snow flurries were predicted.

Although forecasters said there was "no immediate danger" of snowfall in Northeastern States, New York state units remained on the alert.

In the snow belt below zero readings were common and Peoria, Mich., marked the nation's low with minus 17.

It was a different picture a few hundred miles south of the snow belt. Temperatures in the mid-fifties, unseasonably high, were forecast for the Dakotas, Nebraska, Western Iowa and in Missouri the day before the sixties began.

High readings yesterday included, at Fort Worth, Texas, 65; Omaha, 53 (21 degrees above normal); Des Moines 42 (2 above normal).

The end of the mid-winter "heat wave" was in sight, however. Weathermen predicted a downward trend in temperatures beginning tomorrow.

## FIFTH ARMY TROOPS MEET OPPOSITION ON ITALIAN WEST COAST

ROME, Feb. 12. (P)—American Fifth Army troops who drove to within two and one half miles of Massa in the Italian west coast area have withdrawn slightly in the face of repeated enemy counterattacks and heavy German artillery and mortar fire, told headquarters announced today.

The Americans consolidated their positions about a half-mile south of Strettiola, which is three miles southeast of Massa, headquarters said.

Due south of Massa negro troops of the 92nd Division repelled several counterattacks about a mile north of the little stream, Fiume La Force, and then withdrew to its south banks under heavy enemy fire.

From the Eighth Army front came reports that the Germans continued to dynamite Senio river flood banks so that a wide area adjoining the river will become inundated when the spring floods start.

Action on this front was still limited to patrol clashes and artillery dueling.

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**DEATH FROM JOY**

The rescue of those Allied prisoners left in the Japanese prison camp at Cabanatau was one of the episodes of this war which will rank with the paratroopers' stand at Arnhem and the defense of Bastogne. Some 407 American Rangers and Filipino guerrillas made their way 25 miles behind the enemy lines, to return with 513 American, British, Dutch and Norwegian prisoners killing 523 Japs in the course of the escape.

Two of the rescued men died, whose hearts weakened by three years of illness, bad food and worse treatment, could not stand the shock of release. It seems an unnecessary blow of fate that they should not have lived to return home after their terrible ordeal.

And yet, there was triumph in it. They had not given in to the despair of defeat, the horrors of the long, dragging months and years of imprisonment. They had lived to see the greenclad Rangers batter down their prison walls, to hear the cry of brothers-in-arms "You're free, Yanks!" to know that the country for which they had fought had not forgotten them. They died in a moment of such complete joy as few will ever know.

**PLACING WAR WORKERS**

The last weeks have seen a rising tide of argument concerning the advisability of a national service act. The air is full of statements, accusations and counter-charges. Shipyard X needs 5,000 men; Shipyard Z has two men to every tool; there are too many male waiters left, out the restaurants haven't enough to feed war workers, and so on. Across the welter of talk, this week, comes a short dispatch from London which begins:

"The steadily rising power of American fighters, coupled with declining German Air Force reaction to daylight aerial attacks, has enabled the United States Eight Air Force to reduce the crews of heavy bombers from ten to nine men."

The article goes on to explain that, with not quite so much work for a gunner to do as there used to be, the navigator can take over one waist gun position. The men released, over 2,000 of them, will go to other duties.

Such shifts are not voluntary. But the men know that if the Army says it needs the tenth man more somewhere else, after consideration of all possible angles of risk to lives and equipment, then it's right.

Need of a national service act might not appear now if each industry had considered the needs of the country, the risk to everyone of uneven distribution of labor, and had hired as many as it needed, no more; and if individuals had gone where their skills were most needed, not merely seeking the largest pay check.

**GERMAN DEBACLE**

Our Russian Allies apparently will beat the other more or less Allied Nations to Berlin. And from all indications and reports, they not only are on their way, but know what they are going to do when they get there. Thus on two scores they seem to have that situation better in hand than have their western Allies.

Things are moving fast now. Dorothy Thompson, who knows that situation very well, raises a clarion cry in which she declares that "the German war is go-

**WAR AND STUDY**

There are far more college students in this war than there were in any of our previous wars. This is because so many more young men now go to high school and college. The most interesting thing about it is their attitude toward what they are doing.

They have no particular liking for their present jobs, but want to get through with them and go back to finish their education. Most of them will doubtless do so, if the war doesn't last so long that they have lost their scholastic aptitude and feel that they should be doing something "more practical."

**Goings and Comings Of Fairfield Folk**

FAIRFIELD, Feb. 10.—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reed and Bobby visited Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Reeder, Mexia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lott and children visited relatives in Fort Worth Wednesday.

The motto and pledge, club prayer, and pledge of allegiance were given. The club was adjourned to meet again.—Reporter.

**LEST WE FORGET**

Here is something to remember as the Japanese war proceeds, and when the time comes to judge our Japanese enemies, and assess their war penalties. A recent Associated Press dispatch from Luzon contained this mournful paragraph telling of what the Japanese in Luzon had done to American war prisoners.

"There were men prematurely old, with gray hair, sunken eyes; men who limped from beri-beri; men whose bodies were scored by tropical ulcers and other diseases brought on by the lack of proper food during nearly three years of living death; men who looked helplessly up from litters, and a few who were young-looking, clean shaven and still alert. And there were two who died just as the deliverance came — their hearts gave out on the first 10 miles of their dash for safety."

All these men had been strong, valiant and decent, fighting in defense of their country, but fighting according to the rules of civil-

ized warfare which the Japanese had accepted — and broken. It must all be remembered when the time comes to judge Japanese criminals.

I am sending thanks to all the friends for the help they gave me in the sickness and death of my son, A. H. Duvall, and also want to thank Dr. Will and Miss Augusta Holm. Also for the many beautiful flowers. May God bless them all.—Three sisters, Mrs. Willie Blasingame, Mrs. Irene Morris, Mrs. Mattie Isom; brother, Lee Duvall; his mother, Mrs. Ruby Donahue.

Jennings B. Paschall, Jr., 19, private in the U. S. army, infantry, is somewhere in Belgium, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Paschall, Sr., 904 West Eleventh Avenue.

"Bugs," as Pvt. Paschall is familiarly known, entered the army anti-aircraft forces Dec. 31, 1943, and went overseas Jan. 1, 1945. He was in the anti-aircraft forces for ten months before being transferred to the infantry. A 1942 graduate of Corsicana high school, he formerly was a guard on the Corsicana high school Tiger football team.

**IN UNIFORM**

Sgt. James G. Gibson, veteran of the Leyte and Philippine Island campaign, awarded the Purple Heart decoration with Oak Leaf Cluster, seven months overseas, has arrived at the Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, Calif., to receive specialized treatment, according to announcement by the public relations director of the hospital. The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Gibson, Barry, was wounded while with the 98th Infantry division.

Pvt. Jim H. Deming is now on duty at an air service command depot in England, according to information received from the public relations section. The son of Mrs. J. E. Deming, 1417 West Seventh avenue, he entered the service July 22, 1941. Three brothers in the service are Pvt. Leland Deming, England; Seaman 2c Max Jennings, U. S. Coast Guard, and Cpl. Edmund Deming.

Second Lieut. Ernest J. Bales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Bales, 1614 Washington St., Manitowoc, Wis., was recently promoted from a flight officer at Roscrans Field, a Ferrying Division base of the Air Transport Command, St. Joseph, Mo. A civilian flight instructor for Air Activities of Texas at Corsicana, the lieutenant is now a flight instructor at the ATC base. He was appointed a flight officer in May of last year and his commission comes in the form of a promotion. A native of Beaumont, Tex., Lieutenant Bales attended St. Edwards University at Austin, Tex., and the University of Houston. He has a brother in the coast artillery.

Second Lieut. Campbell J. Murrell, son of Mrs. Eloise Murrell, 2704 King St., Greenville, Tex., has been promoted from flight officer at Roscrans Field, a Ferrying Division base of the Air Transport Command at St. Joseph, Mo. A former civilian flight instructor for the Air Activities of Texas at Corsicana, Tex., Lieutenant Murrell entered the army in February of last year and was appointed a flight officer three months later. He has served at Love and Randolph Fields in Texas and at Berry Field, Nashville, Tenn., before going to Roscrans. He is a graduate of Amarillo High School and attended the University of Texas for three years.

Sgt. William Armstrong, stationed at Muskogee, Okla., arrived home Thursday for a 17-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Armstrong, of Corsicana, and other relatives.

The topic of discussion was "Be Prepared" for which Miss Williams asked each member of the club to make an apron or pair of work gloves. Each member of the club was asked to bring 5¢ to buy equipment for the sewing boxes.

Miss Williams also discussed some rules to follow for those wishing to go to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

The next meeting will be February 14.

The Pickett Club

The Pickett 4-H Club met February 7, 1945. The recreational leader led "It Isn't Any Trouble" Club Work musical athletics. The songs were followed by the roll call and the minutes.

We discussed the subject of darning socks. The game "This Is My Nose" was played.

The motto and pledge, club prayer, and pledge of allegiance were given. The club was adjourned to meet again.—Reporter.

**Staff Sgt. Walter A. James**, son of Mrs. B. L. Blankenship, 910 South Eighteenth street, has been assigned to the AAF training command radio school at the Sioux Falls, S. D., Army Air Field, for training as a radio operator-mechanic. Upon completion of the 26-week course, he will be fully trained to take his place as a member of a highly skilled bomber crew of the Army Air Forces. A 1941 graduate of the Corsicana high school, he entered the service July 6, 1942.

**Lt. Tommie C. Younger**, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Younger, 611 West Ninth avenue, Corsicana, has recently been graduated with the first class to finish a special school of military censor ship set up at Camp Stoneman, Calif. Before entering the army he was for eight years associated with the Texas Employers Insurance Association, Interurban Building, Dallas. His wife, Gladys, now lives at 525 West Woldert street, Tyler.

**Pvt. Billie Joe Fluker**, aviation cadet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry E. Fluker, 1035 West Sixth avenue, has arrived at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., according to announcement by the public relations office.

**Leonard Arnall**, U. S. Navy, f-2-c, was a recent visitor to William Sloane House (YMCA), New York City. Signing the Home Town Newspaper Register in the service men's lounge he left the message: "Having a good time in New York."

**Pvt. Elmer H. Miller**, Jr., U. S. Army tank destroyer, following a visit last week with his mother, Mrs. Ruth B. Miller, sister, Dora Jean and brother, Scott, recently stationed at Camp Hood, left Saturday for Camp Polk, La. He entered the service in January 1943.

**Second Class Petty Officer Dale E. Alexander**, U. S. Navy Seabees, veteran of two years in the service with 16 months overseas, recently returned to Camp Parks, Calif., following a 39 day furlough in Corsicana visiting with his family and friends. He expects to be reassigned to foreign service in the near future.

**Corporal Tate Lindsey**, Jr., left today, after spending 12 days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Lindsey, and grandmother, Mrs. F. G. Lindsey, 1514 West Fourth avenue.

He is enroute to join his new station at Indian Gap, Military Reservation, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, where he will remain until his return to the states.

**Rev. and Mrs. J. Coy Williams** attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. W. A. Williams, at Clarksville last Friday.

**Mrs. R. L. Ruscoo** and child, son of Corsicana and Mrs. Jack Park and son of Dennis visited Mrs. Jack Robinson here last week.

**Mr. E. J. Love** is spending several days here with his family before reporting to port of embarkation.

**Mrs. Bedford Kilgore** is spending the week end with friends in San Antonio.

**Mrs. DePete Marahan** of Tecasque and Miss Punitha Marahan of Dallas visited relatives here Tuesday.

**Mrs. Thomas Gleason** of Mexia and Miss Joyce Kirgan of Fort Worth spent Monday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kirgan.

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**Mr. E. E. Rucker** has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Butler, at Dawson this week.

**Frank Dunn Accepts Call To Ministry Church Of Christ**

Frank Dunn, minister of the Denver Heights Church of Christ in San Antonio, has accepted a call as minister of the Fifth Avenue Church of Christ here, and will assume his duties on March 1, as has been announced by church officials.

He is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and has been in the ministry several years.

**CARD OF THANKS**

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**J. B. Paschall, Jr., Now in Belgium**

Jennings B. Paschall, Jr., 19, private in the U. S. army, infantry, is somewhere in Belgium, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Paschall, Sr., 904 West Eleventh Avenue.

"Bugs," as Pvt. Paschall is familiarly known, entered the army anti-aircraft forces Dec. 31, 1943, and went overseas Jan. 1, 1945. He was in the anti-aircraft forces for ten months before being transferred to the infantry. A 1942 graduate of Corsicana high school, he formerly was a guard on the Corsicana high school Tiger football team.

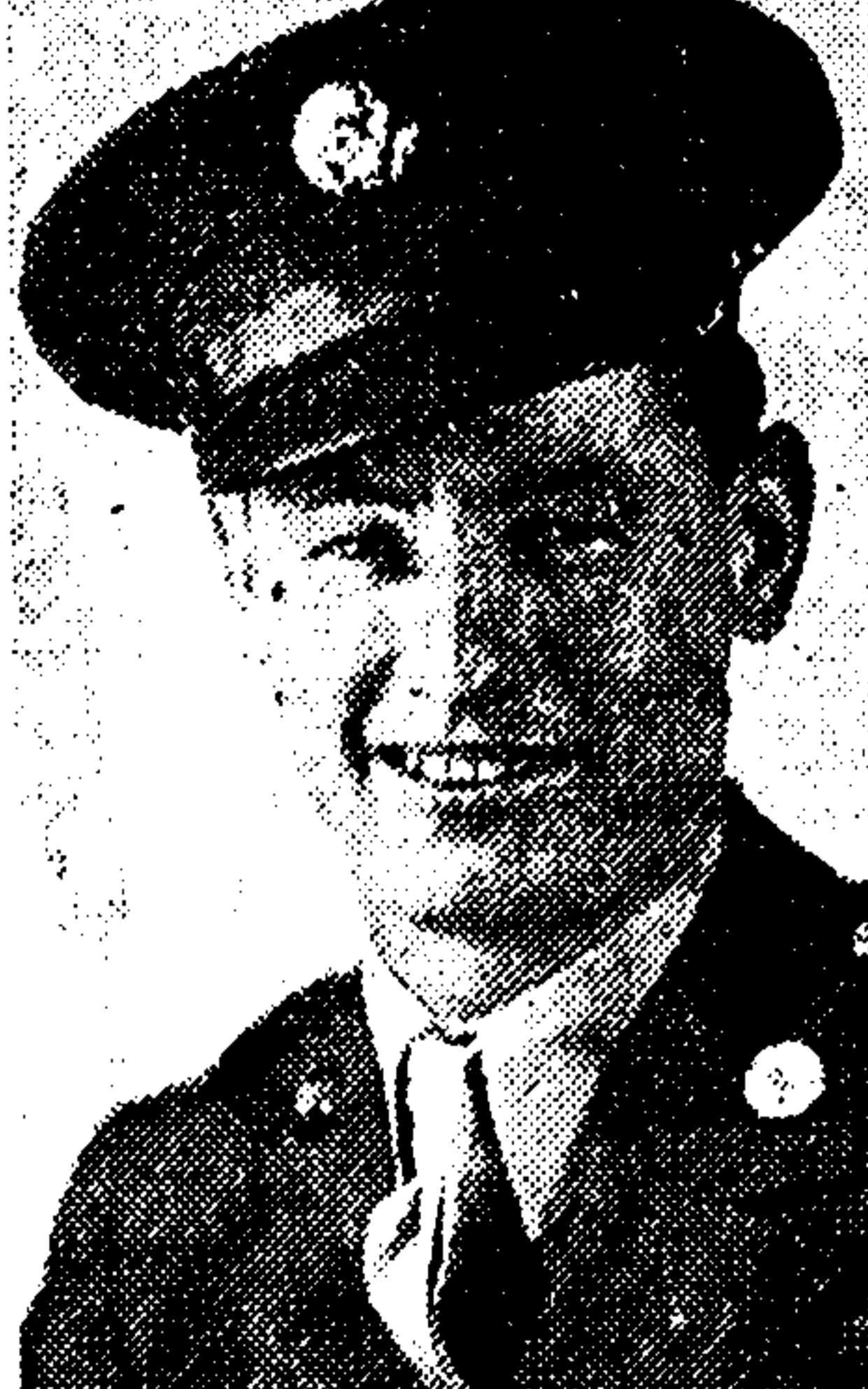
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**Courthouse News****District Court**

There were no divorce cases granted in district court last week, the divorce docket revealed Monday morning. District Judge A. P. Mays said he believed this was the first week since he has been judge; some 18-2 months that this condition has been seen.

A special venire of 50 prospective jurors has been drawn for the scheduled trials next Tuesday, Feb. 20, of Luther Johnson, and Roy Kirk robbery, it was stated Monday morning.

Judge Les Smith of Teague was here Monday in civil matters in which Judge Mays is disqualified.

**District Clerk's Office**

Modern Woodmen of America vs. Emma Young Horn, et al, suit on insurance policy.

J. D. Curry vs. American Motorists Insurance Company, to set aside award of industrial accident board.

Mr. Renfro, temporary restraining order and divorce.

James Frank Talent vs. Texas Employers Insurance Association, to set aside award of industrial accident board.

**County Superintendent's Office**

E. G. Marshall, deputy state school superintendent, will be in the office of J. C. Watson, county superintendent, Thursday afternoon to discuss school problems with Navarro county school authorities.

**Activities Among County Home Clubs****Oak Valley Club**

Mrs. N. M. Bounds was hostess for the Oak Valley Home Demonstration Club, ten members were present, two visitors, Mrs. L. P. Reedy and Mrs. Lindsey Adams, and one new member, Mrs. Joe Rehders, were welcomed.

The Club president, Mrs. A. S. Fulton, presided. Roll call was answered with "varieties of vegetable already planted." The club voted to change the time of meeting from 2:30 p. m. to 3 p. m., except that the time will be the demonstration agent meets with the club.

The "Educational contributions" was collected, and explained by the president, stating that all "Educational Contributions" from all clubs over the state was sent to the scholarship fund, which is given to some Four-H club boy or girl.

Mrs. G. H. Ferrell, gave "The Demonstration Way," stating that "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform," showing how the destruction of cotton, by the Mexican boll weevil had been a blessing in disguise, for through its march of destruction, was born a new method of farming, for in 1903 the citizens of Terrell, Texas, disheartened by the agricultural crisis and demoralized business conditions sought the help of H. A. Knapp Special Agent of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

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## EDGAR J. KENDALL, PIONEER RESIDENT OF ENNIS, BURIED

E. J. Kendall, 79, pioneer resident of Ennis, died Wednesday night at an Ennis hospital following a brief illness. Funeral rites were held Thursday afternoon.

Edgar Jester Kendall was born in Navarro county, near Corsicana, Nov. 18, 1865. He came to Ennis with his parents, Thomas Jefferson and Mary Louisa Jester Kendall. Here he was a small child. Surviving are seven children, Mrs. J. A. Newnam, Beaumont; Mrs. T. C. Jones and Mrs. Kenneth Donnell both of Ennis; Mrs. Braxton Brown, Beaumont; Mrs. W. H. Harley, Ennis; E. J. (Dick) Kendall, Jr., and J. D. Kendall, both of Ennis; fifteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, four sisters, Mrs. I. R. Allen, Ennis; Mrs. Byrd Taylor, Houston; Mrs. Marcia Anderson, Sherman, and Mrs. Dave Farris, Georgetown.

## WEST FRONT

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The Dutch border town of Genep (pop. 3272) was captured and the Nazis river to the sea crossed. Vast areas passed a road through the shell splintered Reichswald a mile north of Kerel, which lies four miles northwest of the West Wall road center of Goch. The prisoner bag rose to 4,000, most of them teen-age youth or infirm men.

Fighting in the Rhine elbow between the medieval fortress ruins of Kleve and the river was described as almost an amphibious operation because of the extensive thaw and flooding of the easily drowned German and Dutch flatlands. A vast array of amphibious equipment including Buffaloes and Ducks kept the offensive on the move within 22 miles of Wesel, northern gateway into the prized Ruhr industrial valley.

**"Enemy Breaking Through"**

(The Germans said "the enemy is breaking through our Mars river defenses near Kleve and that preparations were proceeding for an "invasion" large scale offensive in the Aachen-Venlo area.")

Supreme headquarters said the flood pack on the Roer apparently had been reached and that water could be expected to subside during the next few days to something approaching normal.

The U. S. First army which reached the great dam mopped up the west and north sides of the Roer to Holzbach, 13 miles deep in Germany.

The Germans apparently were giving up Fruem (2,840) which was under Third army frontal and flanking pressure from the northeast and southwest.

Across new Sure river invasion bridgeheads, the Third army extended its hold north of Echternach to an area two miles deep and five wide.

Seventh Army.

The U. S. Seventh army in Alsace virtually cleared Oberhoffen, eastern anchor of the German Moselle river line and was moving to push the Wehrmacht back from Dusseleim, west of the Hauguenau forest and the Rhine. The French army farther south was credited with destroying 75 per cent of the German 10th army in cleaning up the Colmar salient.

Scattered showers along the whole front handicapped air support and kept the ground soggy.

The Germans threw their 7th parachute division into the Kleve battle in the north but still lacked strength to stop Crerar's drive which threatened to turn the whole German flank west of the Rhine.

Scottish troops as well as English and Canadian were taking part in the onslaught, directed by the cautious Field Marshal Montgomery.

**Kleve Levelled.**

A British officer said hardly a habitable house was left in Kleve, birthplace of Anne of Cleves, ugly duckling wife of Henry VIII. Buildings had cut off supplies and reinforcements to the enemy for two days.

The one quoted prisoners as saying their air force was grounded because of oil depot bombings, especially at Emmendorf on the Rhine, seven miles beyond Kleve.

Nowhere along the widening 17-mile front were the Germans able to hold the crushing weight of the siled assault. A front dispatch said the defensive strategy appeared to be confused and lacking in coordination.

Newly captured prisoners looked haggard and mentally flogged by the masses of shells and bombs sprayed among them. Many were gray haired Burghers of 40 to 55 years. They were exhausted. Some of the crack parachute troopers who surrendered said they were too dazed and beaten to another step. They added that they felt the war was nearly over anyway with the Russians within 31 miles of Berlin. The Canadians at Kleve were 305 miles away.

Mrs. C. G. Cottonname of Emmett is a patient at the P. and S. Hospital.

**MANPOWER**

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The compromise measure probably would give the War Manpower Commission authority to set employment ceilings in individual plants, and can for the placement of workers only by referral of a suitable government agency.

**Through Surveys**

Senator Mead (D-N.Y.) told reporters that any bill finally agreed upon ought to provide for thorough surveys to determine how manpower is being utilized in individual plants.

"We need direction more than compulsion," he said.

Senator Maybank (D-S.C.) said he still believed the committee eventually will report the house bill with several drastic amendments, one of those amendments would allow James F. Byrnes, office of war mobilization and reorganization, or any agency he might designate, to determine where the men would work.

Local selective service boards would choose the men from registrants between the ages of 18 and 45. The house voted to give selective service the power to say not only who should work, but where they should work.

The committee resumes its closed hearings tomorrow. Farm organization leaders have been invited to express their views.

A recent guest of Mrs. Bessie Motley and Mrs. Leonard C. Coffey was Mrs. Leo Emmons of Hubbard.

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## Announce \$32,300 Red Cross Quota For This County

Citizens of Corsicana and Navarro county will be given the opportunity during the month of March to contribute \$32,300 to the American Red Cross. It was announced Friday by W. B. Levy, county chairman. The national quota is \$270,000,000. The county quota is slightly less than that of last year.

Levy stated that personnel of city and county organization is being perfected as rapidly as possible and announced committee chairmen as follows:

Sidney K. Briez, special gifts for men; Mrs. A. B. Horn and Mrs. W. H. Hastings, special gifts for women; Tom Eandy, business district; Mrs. L. A. Wortham, publicity; Mrs. Hallie Steele, supplies; Aubrey H. Escue, radio.

**All Familiar With Work**

"The very important and necessary part the American Red Cross is taking in the prosecution of this global war is familiar to every man, woman and child in this county and explanation why this money is needed are entirely unnecessary," the chairman pointed out, adding that "there is no reason why we should have a long drawn out campaign. Our county quota of \$32,300 should be oversubscribed in a very short time and I feel confident that such will be the case this year."

The people of this community are loyal and patriotic and are backing their fighting men and women to the limit of their financial ability—they have not only met all of their wartime responsibilities but where money is involved, oversubscriptions have resulted in every instance," the chairman said.

**Is Greater**

"The responsibilities of the Red Cross are increasing daily as the tempo of the fighting increases therefore we at home should increase the tempo of our giving and make the necessary funds available immediately without unnecessary delay." Levy stated in urging the campaign to be completed in the shortest length of time.

All details in connection with the campaign are expected to be completed within the next few days and additional information will be announced shortly.

## Soil Conservation Meetings Announced

W. C. Pearce, Corsicana, member of board of supervisors, Navarro-Hill soil conservation district, has announced the following applications and maintenance meetings to be held at the following times and places:

Byron School, Monday, Feb. 12, 8 p. m.—Chaffield School, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p. m., State Home, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2 p. m., County Court Room, Corsicana, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:45 p. m.; Euclid Lodge Hall, Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:45 p. m.

Pearce urges the attendance of all district co-operators at these meetings. A time schedule will be made from requests, allotting the time of soil conservation technicians. It is important that each co-operator uses his desires so that sufficient time can be allotted to each conservation group for individual farm needs.

Technicolor, sound, motion pictures will be shown on the subjects of natural resources and the very latest ideas in soil conservation and postwar machinery. The general public is also cordially invited.

## Sgt. Ed Ellington, Wounded In Action In Belgium Jan. 14

Sgt. Ed Ellington, U. S. Army paratrooper, was wounded in action, January 14, 1945, in Belgium, according to a message received last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ellington, of Chaffield. He is a graduate of Corsicana High School.

This is the second time he has been wounded. He received a spine injury, June 25, 1944, in Italy, and was in a hospital in Italy for some time.

The message received relative to his second wounding stated "that he was hurt in the arm in addition to a fractured arm."

**Gets Award.**

FAIRFIELD, Feb. 10.—(Spl.)—Staff Sgt. Ernest Falk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Falk of Fairfield has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in accomplishing with destructive aerial operational missions over continental Europe.

Sgt. Falk is a member of the 4th Bomb Group, which has completed over 500 missions against enemy targets. He has participated in bombing missions to Hamburg, Minden and also flew in support of Gen. Patton's Third Army at Metz.

Sgt. Falk is a graduate of Fairfield high school and has been in the service since Nov. 11, 1942.

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**AERIAL**

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cloud cover to aid them in a mass sneak movement but Allied fighters and bombers operated under or through infrequent breaks in the overcast and broke up the reinforcement attempt.

Most of the action was in a triangle north and east of the Rhur.

Before the weather closed in on the late afternoon, the airfield had destroyed or damaged 201 railway locomotives, 951 freight cars, 139 motor vehicles and 46 barges. More than half of the locomotives were listed as definitely destroyed.

Only one Nazi plane—a jet pro-

pelled Me-262s—was encountered in the sweep and was shot down.

Other air operations were limited by the weather to an attack on an oil depot at Dulmen, southwest of Munster, Germany, by 125 U. S. Liberators.

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**Baby Billy Jean Watts Died Monday; Rites To Be Held On Tuesday**

Billy Jean, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Watts, died Monday in the P. and S. Hospital. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and burial will be in the Hamilton cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, two sisters, Betty Louise and Bonnie Watt, Corsicana; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Daniels, Dallas; grandmother, Mrs. Annie Watts, Corsicana, and other relatives.

Corley Funeral Home is directing the arrangements.

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